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1. The 1930 class of army recruits will be called up in April 1951.* All specialists, including doctors, engineers, radiomen and mechanics, will be recruited for three years of service. Soviet officers now constitute about 20 percent of the officers in the Czech army from general staff to division level and in the Ministry of Defense.**
2. In April or May 1951 international "Q" communications signals will be replaced by Soviet "Z" signals in Czechoslovakia.
3. Auxiliary railroad lines are being built to bypass all major Czech cities.*** No bridge or road construction was observed in the border area around Karlovy Vary.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment: It has been previously reported that the army call-up scheduled for October 1951 has been moved up to April.

25X1A ** Comment: Although it is well known that a considerable number of Soviet officers have been assigned as advisors to the Czech army from general staff to divisional and possibly to regimental level, it is doubtful that the figure has reached 20 percent.

25X1A *** Comment: It is known that the Smichov Station in Prague is being bypassed by a railroad line being built between Radotin and Krc, south of the city. This line is being built, however, to lighten the overload of freight traffic in the station rather than for any specifically military purpose.

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